



MISSISSIPPI
Crisis Intervention Teams

**MS Crisis Intervention Team
Coordinator
Certification Course**



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October 22, 2026

8am-5pm

MS Dept. of Mental Health

Course Overview

The Mississippi (MS) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator Certification Course equips designated leaders from law enforcement agencies and community mental health centers with the competencies required to build, manage, and strengthen CIT programs at the local, regional, and state levels.

This 8-hour training provides a clear framework for the coordinator role, emphasizing operational oversight, interagency collaboration, and strategies for integrating CIT principles into the broader crisis response system. Leaders gain practical tools to enhance program consistency, improve officer preparedness, and support safe, effective responses to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

The Critical Role of the CIT Coordinator

Every successful Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program relies on at least one individual who serves as its operational and relational center—facilitating partnerships, strengthening communication, and managing the daily functions that keep the program effective. This individual, whether a mental health professional, law enforcement officer, or advocate, is the **CIT Coordinator**.

The coordinator's most essential responsibility is to build trust and enhance communication among all CIT partners: steering committee members, CIT-trained officers, frontline behavioral health providers, hospital staff, families, individuals in crisis, elected officials, and the broader community. Coordinators do not need to perform every task themselves, but they must understand every partner's role, strengths, limitations, and pressures. This broad situational awareness allows them to anticipate issues, respond quickly, and guide collaborative problem-solving.

In short, **CIT coordinators are at the hub of effective crisis response systems**. Their leadership ensures that CIT is not just a training model, but a fully functioning, continuously improving partnership between law enforcement, mental health providers, and the community.

Participant Requirements

Pursuant to MS Statute 41-21-131, each CIT program shall operate under the oversight of the Executive Director (or appointee) of the local community mental health center. To become a CIT coordinator certified by the MS Department of Mental Health, the prospective coordinator shall send a written recommendation to the MS State CIT Coordinator as follows:

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- The prospective CIT Coordinator for a CMHC must have participated in CIT certification classes and have the written recommendation from the Executive Director of the CMHC; or
- The CIT Coordinator for a law enforcement agency must have completed a CIT certification class and have the written recommendation of the agency Chief or Sheriff.
- Must bring signed copy with you to class.